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Celebrating Racing Excellence

Annual Awards Honor the Best in Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Racing

Hundreds gathered to celebrate the best in Pennsylvania horse racing recently at the 2002 Annual

Awards Banquet.

Racing's finest paid tribute to one another and the sport while enjoying fine food, outstanding service and even stand up comedy from a WIP broadcaster and comedian Joe Conklin at the luxurious Celebrations Banquet Hall in Bensalem, PA.

Together with families and friends, the Pennsylvania horsemen honored achievements from the past year and set their hopes toward realizing future goals at Philadelphia Park.

"We believe this is one of the most important nights of the year for PTHA and the horsemen of Philadelphia Park," explained



Guadalupe Preciado congratulates Mr. & Mrs. Elliott Krems, owners of True Passion

PTHA President Larry Riviello. "This is a Night of Excellence celebrating the 365 days a year of all the work and struggle we do to put on the show."

President Riviello saluted fellow horsemen on a "job well done" and their unending quest for excellence before handing the podium over to Keith Jones, Philadelphia Park Announcer, who transformed the stage into a Winner's Circle.

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Working for the Best Slot Machine Deal

Racetrack customers want to play the slots as well as the horses when they visit Philadelphia Park. The PTHA has worked diligently to make this dream a reality by lobbying state legislators and working closely with everyone involved in the slot machine decision-making process. But the saga continues as the proposed Tomlinson legislation fails to justly compensate and protect Pennsylvania horsemen.

Senator Tomlinson's bill provides a grossly inadequate distribution of slot revenues to purses and the breeders' fund as follows: 30% to the State; 54% to the Operators; 15% to Purses; 1% to the Breeders fund. It provides no protection for horsemen, by permitting slots to operate without a live racing agreement being in place. It also provides no healthcare and pension benefits for our trainers and backstretch employees.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

Yes! This past winter was one of the worst in the last 20 years. It was a long cold icy and snowy winter. Our horsemen and horsewomen lost a lot of training days and quite a few racing days.

We now can look forward to spring and nice weather for racing. We also can look forward to having slots at the race tracks; but having slots is not good enough unless we get our fair share for purses, health and pension benefits for our members and a fair share for our important breeders' program.

We also need protection with a live racing agreement. To me, this is a very simple formula. The state gets their fair share, horsemen and breeders get their fair share and tracks get their fair share. Equals = Done Deal. No greed, just working together for a common cause. The cause is we all need slots at the race tracks.

I assure you that our Pennsylvania THA will reach this goal.

Michael Ballezzi, the Pennsylvania breeders and I have contacted and sat with the following in the past few months: Thursday January 23rd Senator Thompson of the 19th District and Charles Hossack policy director for Senator Thompson; Monday February 10th John Perzel, Majority Leader in the House; Friday March 7th Audrey Powell, Representative William Deweese, Minority Leader of the House and Michael Manzo, Chief of Staff.

When Michael made his presentation to the above I felt confident that it was an eye opener.

The 2002 Pennsylvania Awards ceremony was held at Celebrations. I was happy to see a great turnout. Congratulations to all winners in all categories. The results are elsewhere in this newsletter.



Larry Riviello, President

I want to thank Keith Jones who emceed the awards ceremony. This is his 18th year. Keith always does a great job.

Thanks to Bruce Casella for setting up a large video screen and all the technical work and he did it all on very short notice. Thanks Bruce.

Many thanks to Michael Ballezzi, Connie and the staff for making the awards ceremony a success on such short notice.

Reminder— Watch *Let's Go Racing* on channel CN8, on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and midnight, featuring Keith Jones, Dick Jerardi and Kerri Walsh.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*Make new friends, but
cherish the old ones.*



Elliott Krems with President Riviello, the PTHA board and owners

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Pennsylvania Annual Awards



Betsy Gambone congratulates Sandi Dorr & her agent, Gary Yager.

Individual Horsemen's Awards

Apprentice Jockey of the Year	Sandi Dorr
Jockey of the Year	Stewart Elliott
The Robert Camac Memorial Trainer Award	Scott Lake
Div. B Trainer of the Year	William Anderson
Leading Owners	F&G Stable and Plumstead Stables

Pennsylvania Award Winning Horses for 2002

	Horse	Trainer	Owner
2-yr.-old colt, Gelding	Yo	Edward J. Coletti Jr.	Edward Rudley
2-yr.-old filly div.	Lightning in the air	Donald S. Reeder	Wild Horse Stables
3-yr.-old colt, Gelding	Senor Charismatic	Edward J. Coletti Jr.	Rosemore Farm & Dun Roamin Farm
3-yr.-old filly div.	Caught in the Rain	Guadalupe Preciado	Casino Royale Farm
4-yr.-old and up colt	True Passion	Donald S. Reeder	Elliott Krems
4-yr.-old and up filly or mare division	Run For Joy	John S. McCaslin	E&G Stable
Claiming Horse of the Year	Ruskin	Scott Lake	Blue Bayou Stables
Outstanding Claim of the Year	Run For Joy	John S. McCaslin	F&G Stable
Most Wins	Ruskin and	Scott Lake	Blue Bayou Stables
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Horse of the Year	True Passion	Donald S. Reeder	Elliott Krems

Betsy Gambone congratulates Jean Brennan and Donald Reeder



Stewart Elliott Wins Jockey of the Year

The PTHA recently announced Stewart Elliott "Jockey of the Year" for the second consecutive year in recognition of his outstanding record. Out of the 1,234 races, Stewart rode in last year, he walked away with first place 236 times, second place 175 times and third place 151 times.

"I knew it would be tough to win this year," Stewart explained. "Jose Flores would be in front and then I would be. I knew I had a chance to win. But I just wasn't sure. I missed one week of riding last year to go on vacation and I thought that might cost me the award."

A week away from horses and racing is almost like a day without sunshine for Stewart Elliott, who has spent his whole life around horses and more than half of it as a jockey. "My father was a jockey. I just kind of grew up around it," Stewart said.

A native of Toronto, Stewart's family also owned horses. Before he was old enough to vote, Stewart began racing horses right here in Pennsylvania. Stewart began his career as a jockey in 1981 in what was then Keystone Racetrack. Stewart then raced in New England for five years and later Maryland before returning to the Delaware Valley and Philadelphia Park.



Stewart Elliott & Sal De Buda

"I always liked the area. I grew up in Jersey and my parents had horses here," said Stewart, who now lives in Washington Crossing, Pa. Stewart also enjoys the year round racing that Philadelphia Park offers. The 38-year-old jockey plans to ride for another five or six years and continue his success at Philadelphia Park.

"I had a really big year last year," Stewart explained. "If I have the same year this year that I had last year, it would be great."

PTHA TROPHY WINNERS

June 2002—March 2003

Horse	Owner	Trainer
Kohuna Grande	Cody Stables	Todd M. Beattie
Storm on Broadway	Pope McLean & Ron Gloriosio	Ronald Gloriosio
Grandstandsuperman	Randy Glinn	J. Carlos Guerrero
Cool Robert	Pewter St. 2 & Winning Ways Thoroughbred	Kathleen Demasi
Lightningintehair	Wild Horse Stable	Donald S. Reeder
Bostic Hill	Matt N Jeff	Lee Ann McCall
Wonderous Won	Derby Boys Racing Stable	Chris Landicini Jr.
Father Mark	Autumn Hill Stables	Scott A. Lake
Hungarian Dancer	David Knecht & Rich Matsil	Susan L. Crowell
Double The Cash	Stewart W. Bockett	J. Carlos Guerrero
Trader Hill	Unique Equine LLC	Leslie Saunders
Shift Key	V R I Stable	Richard Vega

Scott Lake Crowned Trainer of the Year

Scott Lake knows the thrill of victory, winning more than 400 races in one year and participating in some of horse racing's most prominent events, including last year's Breeder's Cup Sprint.

It was this national race that brought Scott one of his greatest thrills. However, this time he didn't actually win, at least not first place. Instead, he triumphantly watched his Thunderello sprint towards the finish line being passed just before the wire and losing by only 1/2 length to the favorite, Orientate. Facing what appeared to be insurmountable odds and extremely tough competition, Thunderello was not expected to even place in the race, let alone nearly win. Lake was also awarded a special achievement award for Thunder-



Pres. Larry Riviello presents an award to Scott Lake and his friend, Jen Stisted.

ello's performance in the Breeder's Cup Sprint

"I had my four-year old daughter, Emily Rose, on my shoulder as we watched Thunderello pull around the bend heading for first place, she let out a scream at the top of her lungs. She screamed so loud that she lost her voice," Lake recalls. "What a thrill. It was really thrilling to experience that with her."

The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association awarded Lake "The Robert W. Camac Memorial Trainer of the Year" for the fourth consecutive year at the Annual Awards Banquet recently, acknowledging his contribution the racing industry and escalating accomplishments.

"I feel wonderful. I'm very happy to be here. This is a very special award and this really means a lot to me," Lake said.

Scott's secret to success is simple, hard work. "We work hard every day, 365 days a year. Having good people around you who work hard helps you win." Lake trains 140 horses at three stables.



Scott Lake and Ruskin owners receive an award from PTHA President Larry Riviello.

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Award's Story

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Top Honors went to Scott Lake for Trainer of the Year, Bill Anderson for Leading Trainer with less than 150 starts, owners E&G Stable and Plumstead Stables, who tied for leading owners, Stewart Elliott for Jockey of the Year, Sandi Dorr for Apprentice Jockey of the Year and a host of colts, foals and fillies along with their owners and trainers for the outstanding performance in 2002.

True Passion was crowned Horse of the Year after celebrating six consecutive victories. Trained by Don

Reeder and owned by Elliott Krems, the four-year-old colt took the racing world by storm last season beginning in the Spring at Delaware Park and climaxed here in Philadelphia Park, during a rousing wire-to-wire victory at the Grade III Philadelphia Park Breeders Cup Handicap in July.

Overall, True Passion captured six of his 12 starts last year and banked \$281,012.

Ed Coletti, Steve Appel, Sal De Bunda & Cheryl Finocchiaro



Guadalupe Preciado congratulates Bill Anderson



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LESSONS FROM ABOVE

By Chaplain Jack Cordell



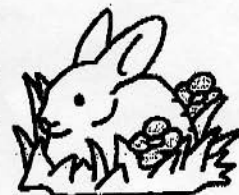
Chaplain Jack Cordell

Splat! Something landed on my cap. The quiet drama unfolded out by Barn 7 a few mornings ago. Surely, it's water, I hoped. But what we want and what we get often differ. You're with me. Yes, one of our local pigeon neighbors contributed to my hat's décor. It was downright sacrilegious, if not an act of outright desecration, for that feathered flyer to sully the headgear with "Chaplain" emblazoned thereon! What's a humbled servant to do? Some life lessons lurk in this little episode.

For example, when life soils us, we can choose to feel sorry for ourselves. After all, unfortunate things happen when we're just minding our own business. The "Why me?" syndrome takes charge, and some of us bully someone near us just so we can feel better. Of course, such action makes a bigger mess of things leaving us feeling worse.

Or, a bad day strikes and we're ready to blame the world for our troubles. Sometimes things simply happen. It's not that bad days won't come. They do. But it's how we choose to react that determines the day's outcome. As a matter of fact, in our better moments we realize that neither pity nor blame will improve our day.

The Psalmist had a refreshing approach for each day, even the bad ones. He sang, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. (118:24)." God gives us each day. We can look to Him – come what may. He enables us to keep perspective despite those dirty little events that can wreck our day.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, April 12 (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), the Easter Bunny will visit the children of Philadelphia Park, bringing lots of eggs and fun. Thanks to the PTHA Board and its Executive Director, Mike Ballezzi, the kids will enjoy a super morning. Volunteers from the First Baptist Church of Levittown-Fairless Hills will prepare and hide the eggs and provide a great party for everyone. Our Special Events Director Molly Shallcross has ordered some very special goodies. Ron Finley of the Backstretch Café will donate the food. All the children of the Philadelphia Park workers are cordially invited.

BACKSTRETCH VIEW

In Memory

We would like to take this opportunity to commemorate Edward J Loeffler, a true Pennsylvania Horseman, who passed away at 85 on January 31, 2003. Best known as, Ed, Mr. Loeffler dedicated most of his life to horse racing.

As a lifelong trainer, he received great joy watching horses compete in Philadelphia Park. We salute Ed for his unwavering dedication to the horses and the racing industry and are saddened by his passing. Ed trained horses for more than 65 years and was a valued member of the PITIA. Ed was also a husband, father and grandfather. Married to the late Muriel (nee Vaughn), he left behind two daughters Carol O'Donnell and Sandra Loeffler, a son, Gary; three grandchildren Kimberly, Eric, Wesley Allen; one great grandchild Jamie Yoos, and a sister Lillian Hickey.

Congratulations!



A NEW EDITION

Congratulations to the Martels who welcomed a new edition to their racing family on February 8, 2003. Weighing 7 lbs, 14 oz, Baby Logan Dylan was welcomed into the world by his proud parents, Robert and Diane, and his big brother, 4-year-old Hunter.



Logan Dylan Martel
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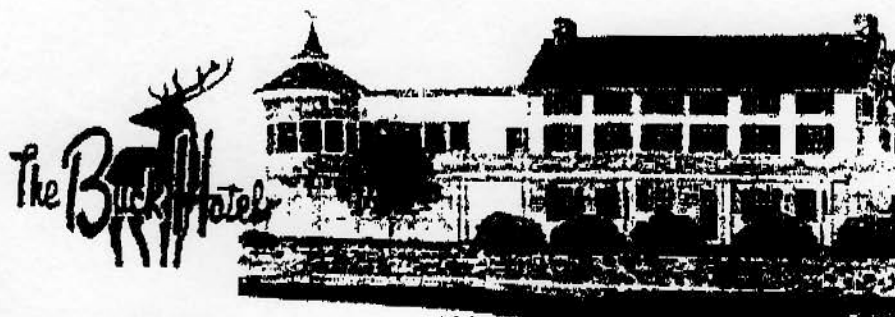
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Slot Machine Story

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"What we really deserve and I hope it's coming shortly is not an award but a reward," said PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi to approximately 200 horsemen and their friends and family gathered recently at Celebrations Banquet Facility for the 2002 Annual Awards Ceremony. "We should receive our just rewards for the hard work we've done."

"State and operators will surely receive their share of the revenue. We want to ensure that each of you receive your fair share of the revenue for all the effort you put out everyday, the sweat, tears and work you spend making racing possible. That's the reward we want to achieve," Ballezzi explained.

Despite the support of the PTHA and the legislators' promises, the proposed Tomlinson Bill falls far short in carving out a fair slice of projected revenues for horsemen.

Slot machines stand to generate a half of a billion dollars in annual revenue, which can help support public school education and offset property taxes, thereby raising the quality of life and future for millions of residents, according to Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell. Additionally, Pennsylvania residents will no longer have to travel out of state to Delaware, West Virginia or Atlantic City, NJ to enjoy horse racing and gambling in one outing.

In addition to generating revenues, the proposed slot machines will also raise the racetrack to a higher standard with greater purses and rising attendance, thereby making Philadelphia Park more competitive and a more exciting environment to visit. The slot machines could not only preserve current jobs threatened by a sluggish economy and growing competition but also generate 10,000 new positions throughout the four racetracks, to the governor.

Without the slot machines, Philadelphia Park could likely suffer from dwindling attendance as residents cross the state border to patronize facilities in slot machine-equipped facilities in Delaware and Atlantic City. The governor plans to approve slot machines at five racetracks in Pennsylvania this year including Philadelphia Park in Bucks County, Penn National in Dauphin County, Pocono Downs in Luzerne County and The Meadows in Washington County.

However, before slots become a reality, the state legislature must agree on how the slot machine dividends should be allocated. This agreement must fairly consider all parties that support the racing industry and not neglect the horsemen as the proposed Tomlinson Bill does.

"This bill rewards the state and the operators but forgets the horsemen," Ballezzi stated. "We are letting the legislators know that the Tomlinson Bill is unacceptable and we cannot support it."

Therefore Pennsylvania horsemen must join forces to demand their fair share before throwing their support behind slot machine legislation. The PTHA is requesting horsemen share their opposition to the Tomlinson Bill with their state representatives by sending letters, email messages and signing a petition.

Racing lovers on both sides of the gate stand to gain a great deal with the right legislation. Fans will enjoy great entertainment in their own neighborhood while Philadelphia Park and horsemen rise to the challenge, providing the best in horse racing and onsite gambling... as long as the proposed activity fairly compensates everyone involved.

"We all get rewarded if everyone of you does what you do best, which is putting on the show," Ballezzi said.

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PTHA Trophy Winners

Horse	Owner	Trainer
We Met Once	Richard Englander	Patricia Farro
Givemeatri	Plumstead Stables	Robert J. Seeger
Bettermaid	Equivine Farm	Tim Wooley
Lymical	Steven Krebs	Steven Krebs
Quoit Alarming	Diamond S. Stables Inc.	Jon J. Smylie
Saucy Select	Raphael B. Kissoon	Patricia Riegler
Riverqueen Gambler	Three Roses Stable	George Coyle
Barcly Sovereign	Pope Mc Lean & Ronald Glorioso	Ronald Glorioso
Tornadoes	Columbus Corp.	Terry Griffith
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Flying Pidgeon		First Flush	Flushing II by Mahmoud Hildene by Bubbling Over
	Minnesota Mac	Rough'n Tumble	Free For All by Questionnaire Roused by Bull Dog
Miss Minnesota		Cow Girl II	Mustang by Mienxee Ate by Phidias
	Miss Jeanie	Gallant Man	Migoli by Bois Roussel Mahdeh by Mahmoud
		Lignee	Bull Lea by Bull Dog Near Miss by Chance Shot



Champion Flying Pidgeon winning the G-2 W.L. McNight Handicap, 1 1/2 mi. turf, in 2:25 4/5. He won or placed in 23 stakes, 18 of them graded, in 56 starts at 2-4. He defeated Strawberry Roan, Creme Fraiche, Dahar, Darn The Alarm, Gate Dancer, Theatrical, et al. Calder Hall of Fame inducted May, 2000.

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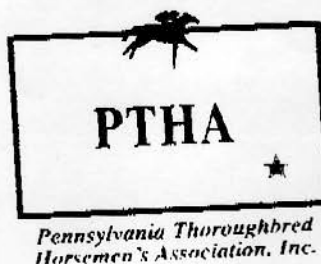
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